

HB 260 -- UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

This bill repeals the provisions regarding the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; re-enacts them to be consistent with the changes adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; and extends the provisions of the act to the establishment, enforcement, or modification of a child or spousal support order that involves a foreign country that is a party to the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance.

Whenever more than one state is involved in establishing, enforcing, or modifying a child or spousal support order, the act specifies the jurisdiction and power of the courts in the different states and establishes which state's law will be applied in the proceeding. The act establishes rules requiring every state to defer to the child support order entered by the court of the child's home state. The place where the order was originally entered holds continuing exclusive jurisdiction; and only the law of that state can be applied to a request to modify the order of child support, unless the original tribunal loses the continuing exclusive jurisdiction. Various direct interstate enforcement mechanisms are specified in the bill.

The bill becomes effective upon ratification by the United States Congress.